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SUBJECT: MISSION CLEARANCE GRANTED TO ATTEND MEETING OF THE  
BIODIVERSITY IN AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION WORKING  
GROUP

REF: STATE 6898

1. (U) Mission clearance is granted for the individuals listed below to attend and participate in the meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction (BBNJ WG), called for in the UN General Assembly 63 and 64 Oceans and Law of the Sea Resolutions. This meeting is expected to develop recommendations on a range of important oceans-related issues for consideration and potential adoption by the General Assembly. The meeting will take place February 1 - 5, at UN Headquarters.

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2. (U) USUN will make arrangements with the UN for access and badges.

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